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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM :   
Associate Director-Management  
National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : Charter Legislation

1. The status of the various Titles of the Senate Select charter legislation have now reached a point where we believe it advisable that you contact Senator Bayh directly to make him aware of your personal concern regarding some aspects of the legislation. It is presently planned that the Bill be introduced tomorrow and a press conference is already scheduled for 1000 hours. We feel that you should do this because of our uncertainty as to the extent to which the Senate Select staffers have made the views of the Community known to the Senators.

2. As reported at this morning's Morning Meeting, you probably should also contact the Vice President to urge him not to make any public endorsement of the draft legislation until the Executive Branch has its own house in order. This is particularly important because of the need to get some resolution at the White House of the question regarding the new authorities given to the Attorney General.

3. We would suggest that you call Senator Bayh directly and have the conversation somewhat along these lines:

-- Upon my return from the West Coast, I have learned that all of the various Titles have gone to the printer and are to be released tomorrow morning.

-- I also have been advised by my staff that as a result of extensive discussions with

the drafters that a good number of problems have either been eliminated or made more manageable.

- And I appreciate this excellent cooperation.
- There are, however, a number of issues which I would like to have the opportunity to discuss personally with the members of the Committee, such as the requirements for reporting liaison agreements to the Congress and coordinating them with the Department of State; the apparent dilution of my authorities for the protection of sources and methods; the large administrative burden imposed upon the Intelligence Community by the multiple and detailed reporting requirements on a vast range of intelligence activities; and the differences between the Community and the drafters on a number of the definitions in the draft legislation.



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